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File Specifications: N/X059 Staff FTE

Solution Type: Known Issue

Title: Reporting ELMTCH, ELMGUI, SECTCH, SECGUI in N/X059

Issue Description:

The 2009-2010 file specification N/X059 (Staff FTE) states that ELMTCH and ELMGUI correspond to students in grades 1-8 and SECTCH and SECGUI correspond to students in grades 9-12.

In previous school years, ELMTCH and ELMGUI could be comprised of any span of grades not above grade 8 and SECTCH and SECGUI must begin with the next grade following the elementary grades.

Many states had been reporting middle school students (grades 6-8) as secondary in the past, so changing those to elementary would cause consistency and data quality issues. Also if grades 6-8 are counted as elementary in N/X059, it would cause conflicts with other files where they are considered to be secondary.

Solution:

States should submit the ELMTCH/SECTCH and ELMGUI/SECGUI counts the same way they did in past school years.

If a state encounters the new error (S059-R57) because they report grades 6-8 as secondary and the underlying data is indeed correct, they should enter zeroes in the ELMTCH and ELMGUI fields for grades 6-8 at the LEA level in N/X059.

ED will work to make this edit less strict for SY 2010-11.